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For: HIGH PRESSURE ROTATING
DRILLING HEAD ASSEMBLY
WITH HYDRAULICALLY
REMOVABLE PACKER

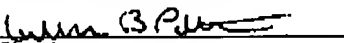
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 26, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on February 26, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0004.C1/WBP, the fee of \$950.00 for 15 additional independent claims, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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